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The following is a consolidated report of state operations and fire activity in Southern California. Information in this report is gathered from state and county offices of emergency services. Some information may not be verified.

# **General Report:**

There are 5 active fires in Southern California. The priority for fighting fires is: Santiago, Poomacha, Witch, Slide, and Harris.

Cumulative totals for active fires:

Fatalities: 7

Reported Injuries: 130

Total Acres Burned to Date: 517,450

Structures Destroyed: 2,923 Structures Threatened: 3,825 Structures Damaged: 504

Fire Resources Committed for active fires:

- · 1,002 Engines
- · 154 Water Tenders
- · 303 Hand crews
- · 781 Dozers
- · 11,178 personnel

Damage estimates are currently being submitted to OES by the designated counties. OES has deployed Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) teams on Monday, 10/29/07. Joint FEMA State PDAs to start on Wednesday, 10/31/07.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) will issue air quality reports twice daily until the smoke has cleared. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.calepa.ca.gov/Disaster/fire">www.calepa.ca.gov/Disaster/fire</a>. Additional air quality data are available at <a href="https://www.airquality.org/smokeimpact">www.airquality.org/smokeimpact</a>, which links to all the local air districts. The following websites have specific air quality information:

US EPA (California Air Quality Data):

http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.fcsummary

California Air Resources Board:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/aqi.htm

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District:

http://www.sdapcd.org/air/maps/today.html

South Coast Air Quality Management District

http://www.aqmd.gov/

## LINKS TO RESOURCES:

California Department of Emergency Services

http://www.oes.ca.gov

California Department of Insurance <a href="http://www.insurance.ca.gov">http://www.insurance.ca.gov</a>

CalTrans Highway Conditions <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/fireclosures.php">http://www.dot.ca.gov/fireclosures.php</a>

Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies - FIRESCOPE

http://www.firescope.org

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - CAL FIRE <a href="http://www.fire.ca.gov">http://www.fire.ca.gov</a>

National Interagency Fire Center <a href="http://www.nifc.gov">http://www.nifc.gov</a>

National Interagency Coordination Center

http://www.nifc.gov/news/nicc.html

**National Fire News** 

http://www.nifc.gov/fire\_info/nfn.htm

Fire weather from the National Weather Service

http://fire.boi.noaa.gov/

NOAAWatch page for weather, fire and other information

http://www.noaawatch.gov

Fire information and links from the US Forest Service

http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/reports.sht ml

San Diego Humane Society & SPCA <a href="http://www.sdhumane.org">http://www.sdhumane.org</a>

### **COUNTY FIRE INFORMATION:**

Los Angeles <a href="http://lacounty.info/">http://lacounty.info/</a>

Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management

1275 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063 (323) 980-2261

Orange <a href="http://www.oc.ca.gov/">http://www.oc.ca.gov/</a>

**Orange County Office of Emergency Services** 

2644 Santiago Canyon Road Silverado, CA 92676 (714) 628-7055

Riverside

www.rvcfire.org/opencms/functions/oes/

Riverside County Office of Emergency Services

4080 Lemon Street, Suite 8 Riverside, CA 92502-1412 (951) 955-4700

Santa Barbara

http://www.countyofsb.org/index.asp

**Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services** 

105 East Anapamu Street #102 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 805-681-5526

San Bernardino

http://www.sbcfire.org/oes

San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services

1743 W. Miro Way Rialto, CA 92376 (909) 356-3998

Ventura

http://www.vcsd.org/oes/fire.html

**Ventura County Office of Emergency Services** 

800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Fire Hotline: (805) 388-4276

San Diego

http://www.sdcountyemergency.com/

San Diego County Office of Emergency Services

5555 Overland Avenue Building 19 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3490

#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego: Public Info # 858-565-3171 or 858-565-3172 Media # 858-565-3171 or

858-565-3172

San Diego County has developed a "Firestorm 2007 Recovery", a comprehensive response website for residents. The one stop site, <a href="www.sdcountyrecovery.com">www.sdcountyrecovery.com</a> has links to General Recovery Resources, Returning to your Business, Disaster Recovery FAQ, Agricultural Business Losses, Animals, Lost Animals, Safety Measures, Dead Animals, Volunteering, Cleanup Information, Ash Debris: Public Health Tips & Cleanup, Swimming Pools, Propane Gas, Air Quality, Air Quality Information, Food Safety, Boil Water Alerts, Counseling and Community Relief and Rebuild Your Life.

WITCH FIRE

Acres Burned: 197,990

% Contained: 97

There have been 40 firefighters injures. 1040 Residences and 414 Outbuildings/Other destroyed. 70 Residences and 25 Outbuildings/Other damaged.

POOMACHA FIRE Acres Burned: 49,540 % Contained: 70

Structures: 50 homes destroyed; 2,000 homes threatened

There have been 21 firefighter injuries. 143 Residences and 77 Outbuildings/Others have been destroyed. 4 Residences and 12 Outbuildings/Other damaged. 500 homes are threatened in the communities of Mt. Palomar, Palomar Observatory, Crosley Homestead.

HARRIS FIRE

Acres Burned: 90,440 % Contained: 90

There have been 34 firefighter injuries. 206 Residences and 253 Outbuildings/Other destroyed. 250 Residences, 4 Commercial Property and 3 Outbuilding/Other damaged. Most all the threats have been abated.

#### **CONTAINED**

RICE INCIEDNT Acres Burned: 9,000 % Contained: 100

Structures: 208 structures & 40 outbuildings destroyed

PENDLETON COMPLEX (AMMO FIRE & WILCOX FIRE)

Acres Burned: 19, 353 % Contained: 100

Structures: 100 residences threatened

MC COY FIRE Acres Burned: 300 % Contained: 100

Structures: 1 outbuilding destroyed

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County: Public Info # 800-980-4990

L.A. County Assessor offers fire damage tax relief. The State Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 170/Misfortune and Calamity, allows reassessment of property sustaining at least \$10,000 in damage. This process can result in a corrected tax bill or refund. Any adjustment or proration of taxes will be based on the reduction in value from the date of damage through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

See http://lacounty.gov/cms1\_077154.pdf.

#### **CONTAINED**

RANCH FIRE

Acres Burned: 58,401 % Contained: 100

Structures: 1 home & 8 buildings destroyed.

**CANYON FIRE** 

Acres Burned: 4,500 % Contained: 100

Structures: 6 homes & 2 businesses destroyed; 9 homes damaged; 600 residences, 200

commercial buildings & 100 outbuildings threatened.

**BUCKWEED FIRE** 

Acres Burned: 38,356 % Contained: 100

Structures: 21 residences & 22 outbuildings destroyed; 15 residences damaged.

MAGIC INCIDENT Acres Burned: 2824 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

MEADOWRIDGE FIRE Acres Burned: 20 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

#### ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County: Public Info # 714-628-7085 Media # 714-573-6200

Santiago Fire

Acres Burned: Approximately 28,445

% Contained: 75

There have been 10 firefighter injuries. 15 Residences and 9 Outbuildings/Other have been destroyed. 8 Residences & 12 Outbuildings/Other damaged. 12 hour threat zone to the communities of Silverado.

#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino: Public Info # 909-355-8800 Media # 909-383-5600

The San Bernardino County Assessor's Office will release information on damaged and destroyed homes the moment it becomes available and is verified. The information will also be released on the Web site of the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office shortly after the information is made available at the shelters. Residents may access the assessor's site directly at www.sbassessor.org or by visiting the county Web site at www.sbcounty.gov and following the Disaster Information links to access the information.

SLIDE FIRE

Acres Burned: 13, 378 % Contained: 95

Structures: 200 Residences and 3 outbuildings destroyed; 10,000 threatened

There have been 8 firefighters injuries. 272 Residences and 3 Outbuilding/Other destroyed, 2,500 threatened. 43 residences damaged. 12 hour threat to Crab Flats, Running Springs, Smiley Park, and Green Valley, and Arrowbear Lake.

### **CONTAINED**

GRASS VALLEY FIRE Acres Burned: 1,247 % Contained: 100

Structures: 100 homes destroyed; 6,000 threatened

CAJON INCIDENT Acres Burned: 250 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

#### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Riverside County: Public Info # 909-955-4700

#### **CONTAINED**

**ROSA FIRE** 

Acres Burned: 411 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

**ROCA FIRE** 

Acres Burned: 270 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

#### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

Santa Barbara: Public Info # 805-961-5770 Vulnerable Population Hotline # 805-968-

0462

### **CONTAINED**

SEDGEWICK FIRE Acres Burned: 710 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

## ESSENTIAL FACILITIES ACTIVATED-"One-Stop Shop" Centers

Nine Local Assistance Centers are currently open and as of close of business, October 28, 2007, seven of the nine reported 8,555 service visits. OES has made contact with the two remaining Centers and will include the information in the next report. FEMA mobile disaster recovery centers are being deployed from Texas. These mobile units are being used to augment the LACs and deployed based upon county need. The estimated arrival time is Tuesday, 10/30/07.

San Diego County LACs Rancho Bernardo Glassman Recreation Center 18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego, CA 92127

Rancho San Diego-Cuyamaca College 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway El Cajon, CA 92109

Ramona Community School 1710 Montecito Rd. Ramona, CA 92065

Fallbrook Community Center 341 Heald Ln. Fallbrook, CA 92028

Los Angeles County LACs Activities Center – George A. Caravalho, Santa Clarita Complex 20880 Centre Pointe Parkway Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Malibu Bluff's Park 24250 Pacific Coast Hwy. Malibu, CA 90265

Castaic Regional Sports Complex 31230 North Castaic Road Castaic, CA 91384

Orange County LACs
One Stop Center/Strip Mall
125 Technology Way
Irvine, CA

San Bernardino County LACs National Orange Show Fairgrounds 689 South E St. San Bernardino, CA 92408

The following state agencies are planning to participate in the LACs: State OES, EDD, Contractor's Board, Department of Insurance, Veteran's Affairs, Department of Motor Vehicles, Health Services, Social Services, Franchise Tax Board, and Board of Equalization.